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Hundreds of people gathered for the Minden Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 24. For more pictures see page 20.

Photo by Matthew Desrochers

Highland Street work behind schedule

By Will Jones

Construction work on Highland Street in Haliburton Village has fallen behind schedule.

Currently about two weeks late, contractors are now battling against the onset of winter to complete laying the sidewalks before packing up their tool bags for the year.

News of the delay was broken at the Dynart et al council meeting on Nov. 26.

"I would have envisaged being complete by mid-November, so we are about 14 days behind the projected schedule," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works. "We are still moving forward though."

Asked why he thought the project has run on longer than forecast, Nicholson cited the recent snow and a period of inclement weather earlier in the fall as having some effect. "However, I don't think anyone quite factored in the amount of work required to keep the street clean and tidy during the

works, and the challenges the contractor has had in ensuring good traffic flow and pedestrian access to the businesses while work has gone on," he said. "We could have just ripped up the street and left a terrible mess while the work went on but the contractor has done its best to work with businesses and the public to make the experience as painless as possible and I believe it's done a good job."

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Street work will continue in the spring

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"Now what we need to do is get tidied up for winter."

Nicholson went on to explain that the streetscape project was always slated to be completed in spring 2013.

"The landscaping was always scheduled to go ahead then. Now, we'll also have to finish the sidewalks – adding sand to the bricks and adjusting them to counteract the effects of the

frost – when the weather gets better next year."

Good news for the municipality is that the streetscape works were awarded for a contract price and so the current delays will not impact it financially.

"No, there'll be no extra costs due to the delays," said Nicholson. "It was a contract price and working in spring 2013 was always something we envisaged doing."



By Matthew Desrosiers

Subaru hosts winter driving course

Now that snow is on the ground, driving the county's roads has become a bit more treacherous.

That's why 30 women gathered at Minden Subaru on Nov. 21 to learn how to drive safely in winter conditions.

Ethel Muli, co-owner, said the event was well-attended.

"We had a phenomenal turnout," she said. "It was a good evening."

Doug Forbes, an accomplished Minden ice racer, made a presentation to the group on winter driving. The women learned how to deal with certain conditions, what precautions to take on the road, and things they should have stored in their vehicle before hitting the highway.

Participation was by donation to the Minden Food Bank. Muli said they collected approximately 28 bags of non-perishable groceries.



Photos submitted by Ethel Muli

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Highlander news



By Mark Arns

Work begins at Dairy Queen site in Minden

Construction on the site of Minden's future Dairy Queen began on Nov. 27. Franchise owners Claudio Bortolussi and Gino Capozzoli were on site removing asphalt and doing other preliminary work. According to Capozzoli, excavation work is slated to begin next week. The DQ Grill and Chill restaurant is expected to open next May.

Dysart briefs

New director needed for museum

Dysart council will recruit a new director for the Haliburton Highlands Museum following the retirement of Tom Ballantine in October. The new director will be on a full-time contract basis, with an anticipated hire date of mid-February 2013. Museum curator Steve Hill has been retained to run the museum during the winter months. The council will be placing advertisements for applications in the media and on its website in early January.

Dysart to apply for video cash

Dysart council will apply to the 2013 Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) Local Initiatives Program for funding to produce six short promotional videos as part of its ongoing partnership with Highlands Media. A business development video has already been made using 2012 funding and the Housing department is producing one using committee funds. Each video costs approximately \$1,400 to make. Funding would cover up to 90 per cent of the costs.

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Letters to the editor

Re: Stanhope airport a business opportunity

Dear editor,

Mr. Heise suggests that if you are anti-airport runway expansion you are part of a "special interest group". I want to thank him for finally defining just what the beleaguered taxpayer actually is.

For the last 30 years I worked in the business of the movement of goods. It has become a very high-tech, specialized business commonly known as "third party logistics" developed to get goods to market efficiently and on time. I once sat with the president of the Canadian division of a multinational company. He remarked that they spent an excess amount of unproductive time on the movement of goods. He felt that time spent took away from their core strength of consumer products. He eliminated the problem with a "third party logistics" provider.

I would suggest that Mr. Heise employ that advice and concentrate on his core business. There are lots of 4,000-foot runways, some very close and underutilized as well as specialists to get products to those facilities. I have seen many unusual shipping arrangements over the years but never a purchaser telling a manufacturer that they had to build a 4,000-ft runway to the back door. I would suggest this is not realistic and simply does not happen. Additionally I do not see any long-term commitment offered from Mr. Heise to compensate the township for use of the airport.

So whatever commitment there is there is only one thing that is certain. The taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands will be responsible for the upkeep. Those costs in the future will likely result in the airport being closed or bankrupting the township. Federal and provincial taxpayer money would be used for expansion however Mr. Heise conveniently fails to mention that the township is also committed to a third of the cost. This facility has never made money and in my opinion those who use it do not pay their fair share. Parents with children in organized sports would love to have the financial arrangement the flying community has.

I understand that this "special interest group" apparently cannot please Mr. Heise and his group with just the acceptance of a well-maintained recreational airport. Therefore I would like to make a suggestion to the township based on the "Request for Proposals" concerning the airport. If the business community cannot accept the facility for what it is, just simply close it.

Murray Adam
Algonquin Highlands

The Outsider — A heartfelt thank you

What with gift-giving season just around the corner, folk are beginning to think about what their loved ones, friends and colleagues would appreciate most in a present.

I got to thinking about this too. Not because I'm gearing up for Christmas. No, this Grinch steadfastly ignores it until the very last moment, which is difficult with Little Z pulling at my shirt tails. I was stumped to consider the giving of gifts because I have been given two rather unusual ones in the past couple of weeks.

First came a token of appreciation from friends at the hunt camp. After spending two days with the hunters and helping to drag the odd deer out of the bush, I was happy with a roan and coke as a send-off but that wasn't all I got. As I made for the exit a rugged hand shot out holding a bloodstained carrier (chik) bag. Tentatively, I poked in and lying at the bottom were two venison haunches.

I dropped the bag and ran to my truck, the horrific sight of the contents of the bag imprinted upon my brain, the ringing of marital hunters' laughter in my ears. The horror!

OK, I lied about that last bit. Not being presented with animals' internal organs is not the average person's idea of a pleasant present. Good thing my hunting buddies knew I like to experiment in the kitchen and would find good use for these bloody but tasty treats.

Strange gifts are not confined to the hunt camp, though. I

Minden arena not built for summer ice

Dear editor,

This is in response to concerns expressed in last week's edition about summer ice at the Minden arena.

Maintaining summer ice in an arena not designed for summer ice is a high-risk decision. This past summer, the pipes under the floor of the Dystart arena broke due to contraction of the super-cooled concrete ice pad. The entire arena floor needed to be removed, excavated and the pipes replaced at a cost of over \$1.5 million. The newly renovated Dystart arena will have a "warm floor" which will enable them to keep ice in all summer with minimal risk to the facility. The Minden arena is approximately the same age as the Dystart arena and doesn't have a "warm floor". Last year, arena staff brought to our attention the risks of summer ice which include mould (removal of which is extremely expensive), the need for equipment investment (\$152,000) and a possible underground pipe failure (which happened only months later in Dystart).

Maintaining summer ice in an arena not designed for summer ice is also a very expensive decision. The energy costs to keep the building cool and the ice intact during the summer are very high, especially this past summer when it was so hot. We were advised by staff that we should be investing in a back-up generator (\$80,000) in case the primary generator failed which would result in an ice surface meltdown, dehumidifiers (\$60,000) to help prevent mould and a new ice controller system (\$22,000). So to generate \$18,000 a year in net profit from summer ice, we need to invest \$152,000. And, by the way, none of that new equipment

eliminates the risk of the underground pipes bursting.

Based on feedback from Dystart, we understand each municipality booked only 50 per cent of the available time at our respective arenas during the summer, yet both had to absorb full costs to maintain summer ice. Given that, it makes sense for Dystart to be the home of summer ice in the county as they will have an arena that can provide summer ice without risk to arena infrastructure and generate more revenue to offset high operating costs. Minden Hills can pursue other rental opportunities for our arena in the summer including ball hockey, pickle ball, roller derby, concerts and events.

Minden has enjoyed much economic success over the past two years including Canadian Tire and a major expansion and renovation at Pharmasave. We have several new businesses in town and a business relocation from another community reports significantly increased sales. We have a new snowmobile trail through town that has the potential to bring more winter visitors. We'll have a Dairy Queen store next spring. We have unique and marketable assets in our Riverwalk/Boardwalk and we will be reaching out to regional communities in 2013 in an effort to attract more visitors to these attractions. We are working on housing strategies to attract more permanent residents.

We have a bright future but need to be mindful that taxpayers expect us to look at the whole picture and that means evaluating the potential for economic gain against operational risk.

Barb Reid
Minden Township of Minden Hills

Progress must come

Dear editor,

I have been following the issues back and forth, in favour and not, for the expansion of the Stanhope Airport. Hardline, regardless of their requirements, has a point. An additional runway would be a step forward in attracting business to Haliburton.

There are those in this county whose mission it is to stand in the way of any progress or expansion of the area. They want the sleepy little town and surrounding areas to stay just the way they have been for years. Some don't like the cottages and are glad to see them go back to the city in the fall. They don't like change. Unfortunately they are going to see change, whether they like it or not. But if they continue to stand in the way, they will see change for the worse, not better. Things

will no longer be the same.

For businesses to survive here, they must have customers year-round. Many have failed. Declining revenues, ridiculously high rent, no money for expansion or innovation. People are leaving the area, no jobs, no income, low pay if they do find one of the few jobs available. Real estate is down. We need councils interested in bringing in major business to Haliburton County. A runway, tax breaks for businesses, and a concerted effort of scouts hired by the county would go a long way to keeping our talent here and working. Now we have buried wire and an attractive street, let's bring in business to locate near it. For the nayayers, please get out of the way.

Red Cumber
Gooderham

magazine and we wrote about all kinds of crazy gadgets, wry stuff and great gift-like items: loads of things I thought were really cool.

They bought me a pen rest. A squiggly formed plywood ring, designed to sit hot pens so as not to burn the table.

My jaw dropped. I think I meant to say something but no sound came out. I stared for perhaps a moment too long then lifted my glass and announced, "CHEERS!"

And finally, back to Haliburton. On visiting the newspaper office last week, there on the doorstep was a gift for me. There was no note and no one had witnessed who deposited the box. How did my colleagues at the Highlander know the gift was for me? Because the box contained an arrangement of bird feathers, plus two animal skulls.

It seems that no other journalist had written about such items recently, and so, unless this was some sort of Godfather-esque horse-hand-in-the-hat type threat, the box was for the Highlander.

Thank you, mystery donor of animal parts. This gift is unusual to say the least but it is immensely more appreciated than a belt loop or pen rest. And yes, before anyone asks, Little Z thinks it's great. Santa has got some serious thinking to do if he's to surprise my boy!



By W.D. Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Do you think cancelling summer ice in Minden is a good idea?



Andy Rickard

Miners Bay

I feel that we had best upgrade the system so we do not end up with a mess such as what Haliburton is experiencing right now.

Bill Robinson

Minden

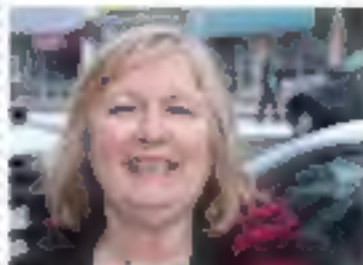
I am torn. I do not know if it is right or wrong. If it is to save money for the municipality then it is a good thing. If it doesn't then it is wrong.



Deanna Cooper

Minden

Well, I am not a hockey player and it is a shame if there is no summer skating. We have been very involved in hockey. The kids can use all the help they can get to keep them busy.



Pearl Cowen

Minden

I don't think that they should cancel the ice for the summer. It gives the kids something to do. But if they cannot afford it... who knows?



Sheana Alore

Minden

When you cancel the ice you lose all the hockey schools and that brings a lot of people into town which generates more dollars for local business.



THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: GOODIN

By Mark Ariss

Larry Goodin travelled well over a million miles in his 13-year career as a tractor-trailer driver. Of all the jobs he's held, it's the one that has left him with long-lasting memories and countless stories to tell.

"That was probably the best job I ever had," said Goodin, a 64-year-old who lives south of Guelph with his wife Val. "It was like being paid to go places."

Goodin calls himself a third-generation trucker. His father, both grandfathers and two brothers all worked in the industry.

"It's one of those things that just came natural," he said.

Goodin got behind the wheel long before he was of the legal age to do so. He remembers driving a pick-up at the age of nine and operating a five-ton truck without a license when he was 11.

"There weren't any police around," he laughed, explaining that his father placed wooden blocks on the clutch and brake so he could reach them.

During his professional trucking career, Goodin worked for the American company Schneider National. He transported everything from paper to paper towels to milk pails.

"They had 36,000 trucks," he recalled. "They're the biggest trucking company in the States. They were as organized as the military and they were extremely safety-conscious."

The company was also very accommodating, allowing Goodin and his wife to visit their oldest daughter and son-in-law while on a work trip.

His travels have taken him all over North America, from "one coast to the other."

"I've probably been to 46 states."

His favourite long hauls were the ones when his wife came along for the ride. A

trip that winds out in both of their minds was one that placed them in Kinsale, Virginia.

"We went from North Carolina to Covington, Virginia to pick up a load to come back to Canada. They said that load has already left so go to Kinsale."

Goodin's objective was to pick up chip pallets. But when they arrived, he was informed that the plant had been closed for two weeks. He asked if he could leave the trailer there while him and his wife went to search for a bite to eat.

They ended up traveling approximately 30 miles to what Goodin considers "the best buffet" he's ever had in his life.

"It was right on the ocean," recalled Val. "You could look out and see all the huge boats and yachts come in. It was just incredible."

Before they entered the seafood restaurant, Goodin had parked the truck in between several high-end vehicles such as Mercedes and BMWs. When they exited the restaurant, someone was taking pictures of the truck.

"I thought someone had hit the truck. I asked, 'Is something wrong?' He said, 'No, we've never had a truck in here before.'"

Other sites on his travels – such as seeing mountain goats in Montana – made trucking a career worth remembering.

"It was interesting," he said. "I loved that job."

In 2005 he had to give up the profession because he had developed glaucoma, an eye disorder that causes impaired vision.

"I can remember the last day on the job. I was heading back to Montreal from South Carolina and I realized that I had glaucoma. I had to let them know that I had to retire – and it was sad."

Originally from Scottdown, Que., Goodin also had several other interesting experiences in his life. In 1966 he joined



Photo by Mark Ariss

Larry Goodin fondly remembers his days on the road.

the air force in Saint-Jean, Que. He went on to have two postings in Germany – one in Laub and the other in Baden-Baden. He worked with the Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years and ran his own golf pro shop for three years.

Goodin and his wife were introduced to the Highlands in 1972 when they bought a Samoyed in Minden.

"When we couldn't find the cottage we wanted we said, 'Let's go to Minden,'" he said.

In 2000, they ended up buying a property on the Drag River with two cottages on it. The couple eventually built a main building, which they now call home.

For the past six years, Goodin has spent his summers working at the Pinestone Resort as a member of the grounds crew.

He gets up at 3 a.m. for his 4 a.m. shift, which has him watering the golf course.

"I've always liked golfing, but I like being outdoors," he said. "I just have to keep busy."

Goodin enjoys living in the Highlands and is grateful to know good people.

"I thoroughly enjoy the people up here," he said, adding that his neighbours, John Teljeur and Doug Holmes, have always been there when he's needed a helping hand.

During the winter season, Goodin and his wife end on Friday nights in a business league in Haliburton. They recently purchased a trailer and travel whenever they can.

The couple has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Every two weeks, for a year, we're interviewing a Highlander at random from the phonebook, starting with A.



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Highlander business

Minden's Pine Ridge goes for phase two

By Mark Arlio

With phase one near completion, the developers behind Pine Ridge Estates are taking reservations on lots for phase two.

"What was once the Wright farm is now a place where people are living," said Claudio Bortolussi, who along with Cino Capozzoli started the development in 2007 under Highland Park Homes and BorCap Developments.

They've been very supportive

Claudio Bortolussi

Crews from Fowler Construction were at the development on Nov. 21 to pave Windover Drive – the roadway that goes through the community.

Once the three-phase project is complete, a total of 75 homes will be built. According to Bortolussi, 13 families have taken up residence at the subdivision.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said that Pine Ridge Estates is the reason why many people

have been able to continue living in the Highlands.

"Highland Park Homes has had a majority positive influence on keeping people in the country and giving people a retirement option," said Reid.

Bortolussi said the township has always been supportive of the project. "They've been very supportive, from the building department to the reeve and members of council," he said.

The 60-acre subdivision is located off Deep Bay Road at Highland Glen Boulevard.



Paving Windover Drive in Minden.

Photo by Mark Arlio

Haliburton BIA to expand

By Will Jones

The drawn out process to expand the Business Improvement Area (BIA) in Haliburton Village has finally come to an end and Dysart council had the pleasure of signing off on the expansion plans at its Nov. 26 meeting.

Plans to expand the BIA have been mooted for years but it was not until June of this year that council clerk Cheryl Coulson was instructed to set in motion the legislative requirements in the Municipal Act to pass a new boundary bylaw for the expansion of the BIA perimeter.

All businesses within the original and proposed BIA boundaries were contacted in September with a notice of intention to expand the BIA. Only two objections to the expansion were received. This fell well within the requirement of the Act

that states that no bylaw can be passed if more than one third of those receiving notification object to the plans.

The BIA will now extend to include all businesses north of Mountain Street, east of the junction with County Road 1 at the school playing fields, south of Park Street and West of Pine Avenue.

The BIA was formed in 1988 by Dysart council in order to oversee the "improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land and buildings in the designated area."

The organization's primary function is to promote the area to businesses and shoppers, and to attract visitors.

"We are really pleased that the expansion is going ahead," said Andree Roberts, council representative for the BIA. "Haliburton is very lucky to have a strong BIA when many others are weak."

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Highlander arts

Highlands talent comes home

By Mark Arko

Kate Campbell is coming home for the holidays and Haliburton audiences will be fortunate enough to see her back up on the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage.

"It's something that I wanted to do for a while," said Campbell, who will be performing with The Nick Mancini Trio in a benefit concert on Dec. 17. "I woke up in October and said it's happening."

For the past four years, Campbell has been living and working in Los Angeles. However, this talented singer and actress got her start in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I love my home," said Campbell. "It's nice that there's still support there. I feel really lucky."

The blonde, blue-eyed 31-year-old grew up on Soyars Lake and got her first taste of the stage at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. She starred in productions put on by the Highlands Summer Festival and went on to study music theatre at Sheridan College. Her studies led to roles in television commercials for companies such as Harvey's and Chevrolet. She appeared in the television series *Durham County* and short films such as *The Tragic Story of Ning*.

In recent years, music has dominated her artistic career.

"It's something that I wanted to do more and more of," she said, adding that the U.S. immigration system was more forgiving to her as a singer. "It was something that brought me great joy and I deeply connected with."

Two-and-a-half years ago Campbell connected with The Martini Kings, a jazz band in L.A. She is the group's lead singer and has shot music videos with them. She also weds with Mancini, the jazz vibraphonist who will be performing with her at the upcoming Haliburton show.

Then there have been a few magical moments in which she has shared the stage with some household names.

"Several months ago I got to sing with Jeff Goldblum and then I did a gig with Bobby Krieger of The Doors," she said. In October, Campbell founded S.H.E. Lifts Off (Shine, Heal, Elevate), a not-for-profit organization aimed to "help educate, uplift and inspire women of all generations by examining and documenting courageous women and openly discussing their struggles and fears, and how they overcome obstacles on a daily basis in order to be free to be who they truly are."

"This world is really not set up for us [women] to succeed," said Campbell. "I just would like to explore a bit and break down some of the taboos."

Campbell's first project is a documentary that will feature women in aviation, including those who served in World War II. Her grandmother, "Bessy" Elizabeth Gough, was a member of the Ninety-Nines Women's Pilot's Organization, which was founded in 1929 by Amelia Earhart.

"I'm very excited about it. It's a very personal journey for me and I'm very excited to speak to other women about it."

Although she can't say when the film will be out, she hopes to show it at women's shelters and schools across North America.

At every fundraising event for S.H.E., a portion of the proceeds will be donated in support of a women's shelter. Half of the proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships for the Dec. 17 "I'll Be Home for Christmas" concert will go to the local YWCA and the Haliburton

Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS).

"I'm so excited to share what I've been doing for the past couple of years in music," said Campbell. "The talent with these musicians will be just mind-blowing."

Tickets for the one-night-only show are \$30 and can be purchased at Travel Plus in Haliburton and Whispert North Gallery in Minden. The concert starts at 8 p.m.



Photo submitted by Kate Campbell

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Up and Down* by Terry Fallis 1+1
2. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Bayley 1+1
3. *The Perfect Hope* by Nora Roberts
4. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
5. *The Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Joan Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story* by Arnold Schwarzenegger
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 1+1

2012 is coming to a close and it is interesting to look back on the year and what books consistently maintained their popularity.

One of these titles is *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain which has been on our most popular non-fiction list since February.

In *Quiet* the author turns to research in psychology and neuroscience to illustrate the surprising ways in which introverts and extroverts differ and why dominant Western values manifested in forced collaboration can actually stand in the way of innovation.

According to this book, a least one third of everyone you know is an introvert – or are you perhaps an introvert yourself? If so, prepare to be empowered by this fascinating read. You can reserve *Quiet* today in print or e-book formats from the Haliburton County Public Library – a home for introverts and extroverts alike.

Library News - If you are interested in joining a book club but don't want to be bogged down by set times and locations, you'll be glad to hear that the library now has a 24/7 online book club. Visit our website for information on how to join (www.haliburtonlibrary.ca).

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This is a meeting to discuss the future of the theatre group and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Highlander technology

The Computer Guy

Games for the holidays

So Christmas is just under a month away and I usually get asked what is a good game to buy someone for their computer.

Well I've listed five titles that my gender would love to have under the tree Christmas morning. Keep in mind that these are graphic intensive games and would need a high-end system to play them.

Now that *Dinablo 3* has finally delivered, playing out to a cacophony of mouse clicks and a fountain of coins, it's *Torchlight 2*'s turn to shake the foundations of the dungeon crawler. The first game was well-received by the PC community, despite its paper-thin story, and *Torchlight 2* seeks to pick up where that game left off. New to the dungeon raiding party is LAN co-op, vast overland areas and new hub towns and a revised interface.

One of *Borderland 2*'s biggest improvements over the original is that the entire game world is now connected. If you see something in the distance, you can travel there without an intrusive loading break. But don't expect a quick ride: this game is huge. Another important upgrade is that enemies now behave in interesting ways. They won't just charge blindly at you; they'll work in teams, and some larger enemies even have the ability to "buff" their underlings.

In *Dishonored* you play as Corvo Attano, a masked assassin who uses supernatural powers to take out his targets. He can teleport, possess people, and see through walls. But you don't have to kill anyone at all. The game's design promotes freedom and creativity, and you can solve problems without resorting to violence. It's not an

open world game, but the spaces are big enough that you can take multiple routes to objectives. You can sneak into a mansion by teleporting across rooftops, but you could have also possessed a cat and crawled up a chimney.

For *Cry 3* is a massive open world shooter set on a string of tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean. The stealth mechanic has been overhauled since *For Cry 2*, and you can now silently dispatch enemies with stealth takedowns. There will also be fast travel points to teleport quickly around the islands, although you can still move seamlessly across the entire environment if you want. Ubisoft say the map will be 10 times larger than in previous installments and there'll be more detail to reward exploration.

For once, the extras bundled in with special editions of *Call of Duty: Black Ops 2* might eclipse the game itself. Those who pre-order the \$180 Prestige version will receive a ludicrous remote-controlled, flying, MQ-27 Dragonfire Drone. It's enough to make you forget about everything else this is packing: a new zombie campaign for up to eight players, branching storylines, Strike Force missions which let you command unarmored aerial vehicles, jets and robots, and an explosive plot where World War III kicks off in L.A., Vietnam and Singapore.

Whatever game you choose, the hardcore gamer will be all smiles come the morning of Dec. 25.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerjiv@calburtonhighlander.ca.



Highlander community

SIRCH tackles food security

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's not cheap to eat healthy in the Highlands.

It's not easy to either, especially when you live near or below the poverty line.

Daniela Pagliaro, manager of community resilience programs with SIRCH Community Services, said often families are stuck choosing between paying their bills and buying healthy groceries.

"It wasn't always this way, but it is cheaper to buy unhealthy food," she said. "Pop is cheaper than milk or juice by a lot."

At the Poverty to Possibilities forum earlier this year, it was identified that despite working full-time jobs at minimum wage, families are still struggling to make ends meet. According to a report from that forum, 12.1 per cent of children under the age of 17 live in low-income families. Families that are on social assistance spend 60 per cent of their income on non-subsidized housing, and for those who need daycare, they can expect to pay \$620 per month if they can't get it subsidized.

When faced with limited income opportunities, Haliburton has the second highest unemployment rate in Ontario, and growing expenses, healthy eating takes a backseat to affordable eating.

Pagliaro said it's an issue that can have far-reaching and cascading effects. The classic example is children who don't eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. It impacts their learning in the classroom, which hampers their education and affects their future employment opportunities.

SIRCH is tackling the issue of food security in two ways:

alleviation and capacity building or education.

The first, alleviation, is accomplished through a few of the organization's programs. As part of their Special Delivery Group for pre and post-natal mothers, and the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Families with Young Children Group, SIRCH provides mothers with grocery items such as bags of milk to take home. They will also provide fruit and vegetable supplements to nursing mothers.

The mothers from those groups meet weekly.

"We're helping out financially by actually giving them [food]," Pagliaro said. "We're also trying to build capacity."

Mothers are introduced to new foods, taught to shop efficiently and prepare food in the most cost-effective ways. Their food skills are improved so they can go home and provide nutritious meals for their families.

SIRCH's community kitchen in Haliburton has been up and running for six years. Volunteers get together at the Haliburton United Church kitchen to make freezer meals for SIRCH group members, hospice clients and Community Care clients.

"There are Community Care clients who can't afford the low-cost of Meals on Wheels, so we provide meals for free," Pagliaro said. "That's about alleviation, and there's also the educational piece there because that's what SIRCH is about. It's a main thing of who we are, building on people's strengths."

Mothers from SIRCH's CAPC group volunteer at the community kitchen on the third Wednesday of every month. There, they help contribute and provide food for others, she said.

"It's a riot. It's tons of fun. The moms love it. They're contributing to making the meals and they're getting to take them home, too. They're helping feed other people."

Pagliaro said there is a lot of informal teaching going on from the regular volunteers to the mothers, helping develop their food skills even further.

"It's not necessarily that they don't know how to cook, but it's adding more to their repertoire."

SIRCH has recently launched a new community kitchen in Minden. The volunteers there met for their first cooking session on Nov. 22 at the community centre.

"Their first big project is going to be a turkey Christmas dinner."

SIRCH has partnered with the OEYC and Minden Food Bank, but they would like to find other community partners to help identifying people or families in need, as well as to act as a pickup location for the frozen meals.

Donations made to the SIRCH Gifts from the Heart catalogue, designated for food security, will go towards providing the ingredients and materials needed to continue alleviating food needs and educating families in the county.

SIRCH has other programs in the works, including workshops in partnership with the health unit and Abbey Gardens, and a research partnership with U-Links looking at food security models in developing countries.

For more information on SIRCH or to view the Gifts from the Heart catalogue online, visit www.sirch.on.ca.

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Highlander community

Canoe gets new captain

By Matthew Desrosiers

He may not be new around the station, but he is new to the president's chair.

Malcolm MacLean was named Canoe FM's new president at the radio station's board meeting on Nov. 22.

"I started with a one-hour on-air show, and my involvement just seemed to grow from there," MacLean said. "No matter what I did wrong, they just kept wanting me to do more of it."

In fact, MacLean has been an important piece of the puzzle at Canoe FM for the last six years. Most recently, he has spent four years on the board of directors, the last two of which were spent as vice-president. He said his biggest contribution was the development of a three-year strategic plan.

"It has had an absolutely huge impact on the station," MacLean said. "Between the board, staff and volunteers getting on board, we've done some really marvelous things in terms of moving (the station) forward."

Through the strategic plan, which involved volunteers and community members for input, the station created working committees to compartmentalize the work and make decision-making more efficient, he said.

The benefits of the plan include a growth in the station's volunteer recruitment and retention, and a technological improvement as well.

As the new president, MacLean is eagerly waiting to implement a new strategic plan that is currently in the works.

"That plan has got three main thrusts," he said. "One is continuing to work with volunteers, training and evaluation of our programming. We have not been great in evaluation of our own programming."

The second, he said, was the implementation of new technology. It will take the station at least another year to fully implement their new playlist system and get all the volunteers trained on it.

MacLean said the third priority is focusing on Canoe FM's core business.

"We're definitely an integral part of the fabric of the community right now," he said. "We seem to have our hands in everything. I very much want to make sure that our key focus is on our core business, on broadcasting, bringing information and entertainment to the Haliburton Highlands."

As Canoe FM moves into its 10th year, MacLean is preparing a committee to plan the year's festivities and events to celebrate the anniversary. The year should help lock off what sounds like a busy term as president.

"I'm pretty ambitious," he said. "If you're not moving forward, you're moving backwards. That's the bottom line."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

SIRCH kicks off Christmas campaign

SIRCH's board of directors and staff have contributed \$710 to their Gifts from the Heart catalogue. Gena Robertson, SIRCH's executive director, said the group is putting their money where their mouth is and challenging other staff groups in the county to do the same by meeting their donation. Proceeds from Gifts from the Heart support SIRCH's various community initiatives, from hospice care to community kitchens and school programs.

Pictured above, from left, Lynn Higgs Thompson, Sarah Grozelle, Diane Johnson, Maureen Brewer, Gena Robertson, Daniela Pagaro, Lesley English, Nancy Brownsberger and Garry Swagerman.

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Highlander sports



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Snowcross racer Izao Reid takes his sled for a test run in preparation for the upcoming season. For story see page 16



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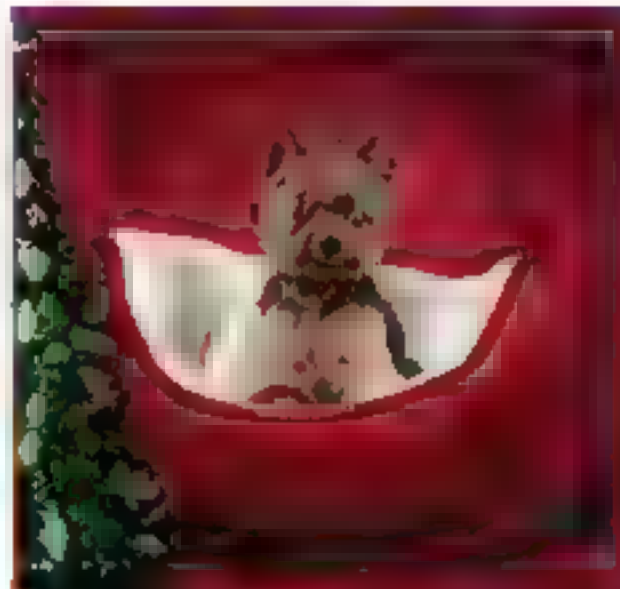
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Highlander sports

Midget girls score a loss

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest Canadian Tire 'BB' Midget girls hosted the Whitby Wolves Nov. 24.

After a scoreless first period the girls fell behind in the second period 2-1. Alex Litwin scored the Storm's only marker off a battle in the slot where she flipped the puck up and over the Whitby netter. The Wolves continued their aggressive and chippy play into the third period and were able to find a way to put two more markers up on the

scoreboard.

Tough loss girls but our aggressive play is improving as we continue to take on these older and deeper squads in our Midget loop.

The Storm Midget girls host Leaside in Minden this Friday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. and then hit the road and travel to Kingsport to take on the Ice Kats Saturday night.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out last night to our all-ages-can-eat spaghetti dinner at The Place in Camperdown. Thank you for your support.

Storm Pee wee A's victorious

Submitted by Jon Petre

Smolen Dentistry's Highland Storm Pee wee A's averaged two earlier losses this season to beat both South Muskoka and Huronville this past weekend. Both were hard-fought games against very good teams but nothing was going to deter our boys from beating them this time around.

It started with a Thursday night tilt in Minden against South Muskoka.

The Storm had appeared flat in a loss two weeks ago but looked the exact opposite on this night. It was a tight first period until our new-est acquisition, Owen "Senary" Smith made his presence known with a deft inside out move on their defenseman and then over to Ben Schnuck for a wide open touch. Nik Dollo made a nice pass across the crease to Josh Boice who scored several minutes later and then Smith beat the South Muskoka goalie in a race for the puck to slide in the third Storm goal.

Two of our regulars were unable to play so we were forced to play with only three defensemen but Jacob Hardicke, Carter O'Neill and Shawn Walker were rock solid

on 'D' throughout the weekend. South Muskoka were unable to create any offense. It's unfortunate that Parker Smolen's shot-out but was lost with only five seconds left in the game as South Muskoka were able to roll one over his shoulder for their one and only goal.

On Saturday, Huronville seemed prepared to batter our boys if not for an incredibly strong third period from the Storm.

Huronville took control early with two goals in the first period and then traded two goals each on tallies by Schnuck and Boice to make it 4-2 Huronville going into the third. However, coach Barry Boice said to the boys between periods defensively made an impact, because the squad came alive in the third, scoring four unanswered goals and dominating in every facet. Josh Belvidere made some great saves to steady the team's offense. Devyn Prud'homme scored twice and highlights-eval goals were credited to Boice and Smith to make it a 6-4 final.

The boys play South Muskoka again in Wilberforce tonight in what promises to be a great game. Home teaming is a tradition at Campbellford on the weekend.



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Minden United Church
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Snowmobiler sleds fast and furious

By Warren Riley

The green flag is high in the air. Your heart is pounding out of control and the adrenaline is being pumped frantically through every vein of your body. Seconds seem like hours.

Then the flag drops.

Throats are opened wide and the machine comes to life with a deafening roar. The ultimate in snowmobile racing has begun.

This is the world that 13-year-old Izac Reid of Minden lives in. Being in control of a quarter-ton high performance machine is natural for Reid. His inventory includes not one but two snowmobiles: a 2009 Polaris IQ 550 Sled and a 2010 Polaris IQ R.

Reid has ridden snowmobiles, quads and dirt bikes since he was four years old and has crafted his unique abilities over the years to compete professionally as a member in the Canadian Snowmobile Racing Association (CSRA) race classes.

Fortunately for this young professional, Reid has his own racing track at home complete with hills, fast corners and straightaways.

"I'm lucky to have my own track in the backyard," said Reid. "It's very well-used."

Having your own pit crew is an integral part of professional snowmobiling and Reid relies on his Father Tim, Mother Paula, Sister Brooke and mechanic Tim George to help transport and maintain the snow-mobiles at their peak performance.

"It's nice to have your family with you all the time and at every event," Reid commented. "With my parents and

family's help, it was a great feeling to place in the top three and be a competitive contender throughout last season."

Reid and his family travel a lot due to circuit demands. This season they will journey to Kirchner and Rouyn Noranda in Quebec, and many cities in between. At times the family will bunk in one of the trailers due to lodge overcrowding but that is all part of the fun and family life.

"My family supports me and I love having them with me."

The most memorable event for Reid was winning a race for his Grandfather who was in attendance and incapacitated in a wheelchair.

"I wanted to win for him but at the start of the race, my machine stalled. I restarted it and had no idea what

position I was in. I just kept racing and passing other racers. It wasn't until the very end that I realized I had won the race. That made me very happy, especially for my Grandfather."

There are three classes that Izac races, Novice 2, Junior 1 and Junior F2. He has received plaques for one first place, three second place and one third place finishes in the Novice 2 class.

"My number-one goal is to try and win a top three position in the Triple Crown Series."

Reid doesn't ride the machine, he is a part of it. It has to be that way in order to successfully navigate the dangerous turns and washboard hills. His red #639 Polaris stands out against the white background of the snow-covered terrain.

Winning is Reid's goal, and this budding star has shown he's definitely capable of doing it.

*It was a great
feeling to place
in the top three*
Izac Reid

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Fulfilling a dream

By Warren Riley

Romina Sabarzo is a 17-year-old exchange student who hails from Quito, the capital of Ecuador in South America.

For Sabarzo, the landscape in Haliburton County is moderately hilly and serene. Quito, on the other hand, is a metropolis with a population of over 2.5 million. It lies in the shadow of snow-capped mountains that

west by Pichincha, an active volcano.

Spanish is Sabarzo's native tongue but she wishes to augment her lexicon by learning English and French. She attends Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and wishes to complement her Grade 12 studies with an additional year of education while in Canada.

"I'm taking Biology, English, French and gym," said Sabarzo. "The majority of people here are really nice with me and I really enjoy that. I love the support [that my] parents in Ecuador have given me. I love helping children and people and that makes me feel good."

Romina had the option of going to the University of Toronto or the University of

"I came to Canada to really learn how to speak French. It's something I really wanted to do. And now [that] I can speak English, I really want to learn French."

Besides playing basketball for HHSS, Sabarzo bowls and helps out with the Rotary Club. In Ecuador, she surfs when the opportunity arises.

She has already decided to enter the medical world, becoming either a

Athletes to watch



Photo by Warren Riley

cardiologist or neurosurgeon. "I'll be going to university and I hope to get a scholarship [but] not in my country," she said. "I will study medicine and if it [a scholarship] is not possible, then I will study in Quito. I don't need the marks but I try to do all that I can in choosing my future. I'm pretty sure now that I want to study medicine."

Her sojourn in Haliburton will last approximately one year before she returns to her homeland in July or August of 2013.

"My sponsor is really good and helps me a lot," she commented.

Sabarzo will return to Quito with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Conversely, the people that she touched in Haliburton will forever be a reminder of a lasting bond between two cultures and two different worlds.

Highlander sports

Training skaters to glide

By Warren Riey

Usually the best of anything comes by word of mouth, but not in this case.

Let it be known that the Minden Figure Skating Club (MFSC) has been in the community for over 40 years. The club provides opportunities for any boy or girl to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating.

The MFSC program also teaches figure skating skills in a group and/or private lesson format in a progressive and sequential manner and includes specifically designed awards and incentives.

According to club president Sue Collings, the MFSC allows skaters to compete in a two-day Inter-Club competition each year.

"There are 17 clubs in the area that are included in the competition," she said. "This season (2012-2013), the competition will be held in Millbrook this coming March and currently we are in the planning stages."

"Minden held it last year with 13 out of the 17 clubs attending. It was an awesome competition. Our scheme is also to participate throughout our region including Muskoka, Port Carling and Beaverton. Wherever there is a competition that we have skaters at a level, they can register to attend it."

Collings differentiated between club events the MFSC participates in.

"The 'Inter-Club' is for the whole [figure skating club] to attend where there are various events and the club will put skaters into particular level events. These events range in age from toddler to senior skaters. CanSkate is the lowest for toddlers all the way up to the StarSkate for intermediate and senior skaters."

Having been involved with the club's executive for six years, this is Collings' first year as president.

"There are eight of us on the executive and it's a great club," she continued. "We have a wonderful group that are all volunteers doing it on their own time. Mainly because our kids skate, we want to help the clubs skaters progress."

The Figure Skating club will have a carnival on March 24, 2013 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena.

"Our kids from January on will be working on their carnival repertoire which will be put to music. There will be different groups and different levels of skaters. This year our



Photo by Warren Riey

Jessica Byers performing Shoot the Duck

theme will be just dance. We just want to show the parents and everybody that comes out exactly what the kids have learned."

Quite noticeable was the lack of male skaters involved with the club. With three professional coaches assisting with a skater's development, the opportunity to become a professional skater is great.

A dance routine requires both a boy and a girl to perform and the club usually has to pay for a male to complete the team. Collings would like to see more boys join the club.

The Figure Skating Club boasts over 60 skaters. Skating takes place three times per week in Minden and information can be obtained by calling Sue Collings at 705-286-3067.

Storm Novice drop one to Huntsville

Submitted by Tish Phippen

On Nov. 24 the Highland Storm Novice hosted the Huntsville Otters.

The Storm worked hard, keeping Huntsville back for the first period. Damon Harris made one amazing save after another. Huntsville put one on the board in the second. The

Storm went into the third period down a goal.

Huntsville scored another, but Nick Phippen made it 2-1 after scoring on a penalty shot. Harris continued to stand on his head, however Huntsville came back with two unanswered goals with less than a minute to go to make a final score of 4-1.

HELP WANTED



Township of
Algonquin Highlands
requires an
OPERATOR - Dorset Yard
(Full-time position)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Operator for the Dorset Yard.

Reporting to the Public Works Supervisor, the Operator will provide a variety of construction, snow/ice removal, maintenance and repair services to roads, bridges, culverts and drainage and other road work, parks, cemeteries, trails and lagoons and public access points such as docks and landings.

The preferred candidate will be an energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individual who takes pride in their work and must have demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a must, as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Solid understanding of public works construction and maintenance procedures
- Good understanding of policy, procedures, by-laws, Ministry guidelines, regulations and legislation related to the operation of equipment and public works construction and maintenance
- Valid class D2 license, A2 is preferred with a clean driver's abstract

Salary Range: \$21.37 - \$24.05/hr based on a 40 hour work week

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012 to:

Mike Thomas, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario,
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LOST - BLACK CAT lost on the night of Thursday, Sep 6 at Mason Creek Estates (could have travelled). Very friendly, answers to Slater. He is on a special urinary diet. Please call Sonya at 705-286-6379, reward offered. (TFN)

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Chief Training Officer.

Reporting to the Fire Chief and working closely with three (3) District Chiefs, the Chief Training Officer will be responsible for the development, coordination, delivery and administration of training for approximately 50 volunteer firefighters across three stations within the Department.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Must have or be pursuing Training Officer Certification from the Ontario Fire College
- Must have or will achieve Associate Instructor status from the Ontario Fire College
- Must have or will attain Training Officer designation as recognized by the Office of the Fire Marshal
- Fire Prevention Officer Certification is preferred
- Demonstrated ability and experience working successfully in a volunteer firefighter environment and have sound judgment, leadership and motivational skills
- Extensive firefighting and training experience with a thorough knowledge of modern firefighting and public safety and fire prevention methods
- Possess strong leadership and motivational skills, be resourceful and be in good physical condition
- Must possess excellent computer skills. Must be proficient in Microsoft programs, including but not limited to Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Township-specific programs
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Salary Range: \$26.93 - \$32.56/hr for a 32 hour work week

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2012 to:

John Hogg, Fire Chief
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Email: jhogg@algonquinhighlands.ca

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

James Joseph Samuel Allen Simmons

Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Banff on Friday, November 23, 2012 at the age of 36. Loving husband of Jane. Much loved dad of Alannah, Logan and Adrien. Beloved son of Barry and Jean Simmons and Marlene Marx-Simmons. Dear brother of Denise (Mrs. Roy), Michael (Shawn), brother-in-law of Chris (Rebecca),

Krista (Stephens) and predeceased by Terry Carson. Son-in-law of the late Leo and Diane Carson. Lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 (downstairs) in Haliburton on Saturday, December 1, 2012 beginning at 1:00 o'clock noon for a time of reflection and sharing memories of James.

Cremation has taken place.

If so desired, donations can be made directly to the James Simmons family in their time of need and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., PO Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

Monk



Walter Frederick Leveck

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, in his 87th year. Son of the late Frederick and Eva Leveck, dear to others of Francis (deceased) and his wife Charabelle, Mary (deceased), Laura (deceased), and Vincent and his partner Colleen. Fondly remembered by many sisters and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3:00 pm. Interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Kilmorent. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 44,

(downstairs) Kilmorent.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Monk

Highlander events

DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Haliburton Legion, 1 p.m.	Cribbage (every Friday) Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941. Christmas Luncheon - Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden @ 11 a.m. Adults \$5.00, preschoolers free	Annual Cookie Walk - Haliburton United Church, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own containers. Christmas Craft Sale - Lloyd Watson Centre (Wilberforce), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Country Music Jamboree S.G. Nesbit Arena from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Joint Service and Communion Celebration for Haliburton, Inglesby and Lochan United Churches 10:00 a.m.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Contract Bridge (every Monday) Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941 Highlands Little Theatre AGM - Dysart Library, 7:30 p.m.	100.9 CanoeFM Bingo (every Tuesday) @ 6 p.m. 705-457-1000 Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) Community Care @ 6:00 a.m. 705-457-2941		The Rose Campaign, working to end violence against women. St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Mina-Buck Euchre - Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center 7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Christmas Sale - Minden Branch, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Children's Service - Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m.	
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
	Community Drum Circle (every Wednesday) Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m. 705-457-2330		Cribbage (every Friday) Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2575)
Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Bingo, every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Minden Branch (705-208-4541):
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2:00 p.m.
Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
Meal Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime
Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Radio Club, every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Fish & Chips, every Friday 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m.
NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12:00 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-1221)
Pool, every Friday, 3:30 p.m.
Jam Session, every Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Meal Draw, every Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Darts, every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

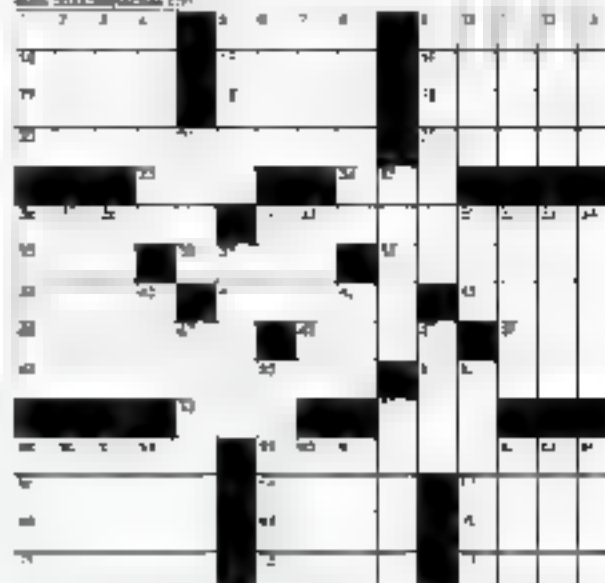
The Annual Wildlife Dinner will be held Saturday, December 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Topics are available at the Legion here. Please consider purchasing your tickets early as this is a well attended event and you will want to ensure to have a place at the table.
As always there will be a variety of wildlife for you to sample as well as turkey for those inclined to be on the "Wild Side". Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

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1. White bird
4. Jump
9. The crayons
14. Appear
15. Run easily
16. Sports venue
17. Unhappy city
18. Neighbourhood
19. Unpleasant
20. Modernism not
21. Lying words
23. About
24. The "veget"
25. Windward part
26. Observe
27. Heat
28. A mention
29. Culture shock
30. High ridge
41. Dangling

4ACROSS:

44. Dismal state
45. Space agency (abbr.)
46. Average man
48. Made believe
51. Hat drops
52. Broken road
54. Athletic, e.g.
57. Unit record
59. Pass through
65. Island
66. Imparting part
67. California item
68. Becomes steady
69. Invasion into
70. Embody
71. Paid out
72. Afternoon portion
73. Hand made

DOWN

1. Meat vegetable
2. Handball, the one
3. Canada's southwest
4. Name sounds
5. Find fault with
6. Folk knowledge
7. Score team
8. George Harrison, e.g.
9. Card game
10. About
11. For fear that
12. Informed of
13. Light beams
14. Flush pipe
25. Pains
26. Ministry
27. Of the moon
28. Leg part
29. On or no
30. Salary

DOWN

31. Assist
32. Quaver line
33. Warrior
34. Frequent visitors
37. Contaminated
40. Power
42. Mom's counterpart
46. Crustacean
47. Aspet a crook
48. On body
52. Out player's
54. Gaze
55. Liberal
56. Cheap line
57. Fine opening
58. Tension city
60. Alternative word
61. Certain star
62. Metaphor
63. Canvas cover
64. Look at



Highlander events



Jingle those bells

By Matthew Desrosiers

A little cold never scared anyone off on parade day. In fact, it just makes the hot chocolate taste that much better.

Hundreds of people gathered on Minden's main drag for the Santa Claus parade on Nov. 24.

With 35 floats, including a visit from the big man himself, the parade did not disappoint.

Led by the Ontario Provincial Police and Minden Hills fire department, the floats passed by one by one to the delight of children, eagerly scooping up candy from generous parade walkers.

Even MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott found time to walk in the parade and pass along their Christmas greetings.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top left: Midget Girls Highland Storm players hand out candy to eager kids at the parade. Top right: Karin Koch and her little reindeer Heidi. Right: Santa comes to town.



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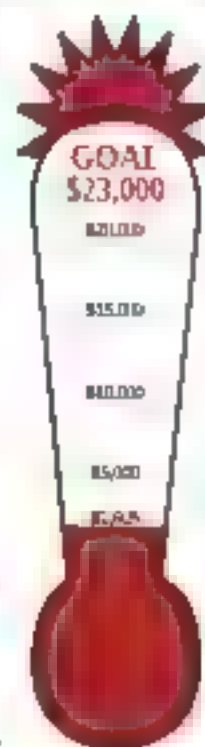
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Highlander events



Santa arrives with snow

By Mark Aris

The theme was Caribbean but the weather was far from tropical.

On Nov. 23, the snow was coming down just in time for Haliburton's annual Santa Clause parade.

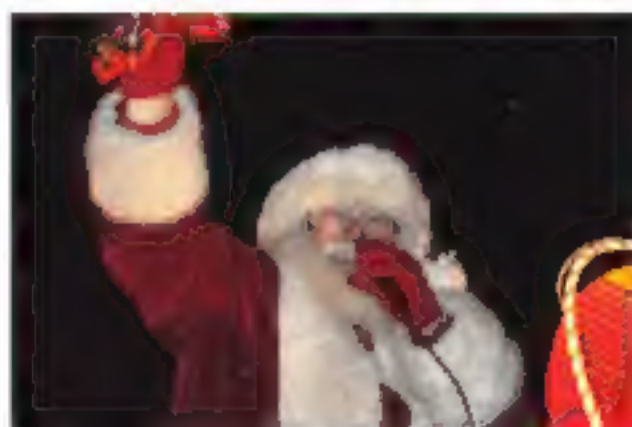
The parade, which ran along York Street and Highland Street, had 44 entries comprised of floats, several bands and

members. Santa, his sleigh and reindeer were in attendance.

Members of the Haliburton Lions Club collected \$800 in cash from spectators and many food items, all of which will be donated to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank.

While the Lions Club organized the parade, funding was provided by the Haliburton Village BIA.

A winter warm-up spaghetti dinner was held at the Haliburton Legion after the parade.



Photos by Mark Aris

Top left: Barb Cameron and Sooty Morrison share a toast aboard Canoe FM's float. Top right: Jordyn Nicholls, 9, sits on one of Haliburton RPM's sleds. Above: Santa waves to the crowd as he rides in his sleigh.

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Photo by Matthew Osero
Haliburton BIA administrative support Rosemarie Jung reads Christmas stories to eager children at the Rail's End Gallery on Nov. 24. The kids were waiting to have their picture taken with Santa Claus.



Bowl-a-thon raises money for Community Care

By Warren Riley

Community Care Haliburton County held its Christmas Bowl-A-Thon on Nov. 24 raising additional funds to help better their services.

Part of the festive proceedings was a contest for the tackiest Christmas sweater.

Friends and co-workers attended, as did two special guests.

Federal MP Barry Devolin arrived with daughter Molly in hand and showed his five-pin bowling skills.

"It's not political," said Devolin. "Usually public officials go to different parades throughout the community and it's joining in the festivities with public appearances that are important."

Santa Claus magically appeared and with his bellowing 'Ho-Ho-Ho' handed out goodies and wishes to everyone.

Community Care Haliburton County raised \$3,000 at the event.

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MP Barry Devolin throws a ball at Community Care's bowl-a-thon on Nov. 24.

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- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 2.25 acres & 187 frontage

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- Off shore - natural to Minden
- 1,200 sq ft bungalow, large double garage
- full walkout basement
- gentle slope to water
- park like setting, decking & decks

Private Tranquillity



- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2500 sq ft
- Open lake view & all day sun
- Spilling hot tub - deep water off dock
- Professional upgrade, heated water tank
- Turn key set up ready to enjoy

White Lake \$599,900



- 4 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3400 sq ft
- 100 ft ready waterfront, 1.67 acres
- Double car garage, security system
- Double deck, 3 level fireplace
- 700 sq ft decking, screened in porch



Chris James
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Little Bush Area \$235,000



- Spacious 1000 sq ft home
- Short walk to public access
- Hiking & snowmobile trails to lake
- Short drive to Little Lake beach
- Double deck garage & large deck to shore

Lushlin Area Lot \$17,900



- Private, well treed 2.8 acres
- Storage shed on lot
- Private to road
- Near round timberlot access
- Build your home or getaway!



Iain Johnson
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Susan Johnson
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ext 44

3.45 Acres - Kasher Street



- Private and treed lot
- Located in area of fine homes & large lots
- Kind of quiet but close to town
- Surrounded by beautiful woodlands
- Delivery & lot clearing done
- Ideal for new home

Countryside Living \$229,900



- 3 bedroom bungalow in central development
- Private 2 acre lot overlooking Cranberry Lake
- New kitchen, new deck, new landscaping
- Master with ensuite, open concept, main floor
- 2200 sq ft well maintained living space



Diane Knapp
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White Lake Waterfront



- Lake waterfront building lot
- 120' frontage, clean shoreline
- Southern exposure, deep water
- 1.44 acre, gentle slope to water
- Gorgeous view of the lake
- Excellent swimming and fishing

155 Acres - Grand Pit



- 155 acre property with
- 40 acre Grand Pit/pond in
- Access is fully transferable
- Close to village of Kinmount
- Hunting with wildlife
- Includes a large pond

Next to A Pin \$196,000



- Treed, level, close shoreline
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 890 sq ft
- 60 ft deep spring fed lake
- Private jetty, private dock
- Close to town and shopping

Munton Royal Home



- 3 beds, 3 baths, 2600 sq ft home
- 7 acres with beautiful garden
- Private deck off master bedroom
- 3 bedrooms, screen porch
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Loop Road \$125,000



- 3 bedrooms in town home
- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency windows
- new oil tank

Gooderham/Pine Lake



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- 2000 sq ft sleeping porch
- backing onto crown land
- easy access to deep drive
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Great Value \$299,000



- 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1650 sq ft
- 300 ft frontage, 1.23 acres
- Hardwood floors, open concept
- Great swimming and boating
- Excellent year round retreat

Great In Town Location



- 3 + 1 bedrooms in town home
- Fully updated walkout basement
- Open concept with many upgrades
- Two covered porch & deck areas
- Double deck, full suite

Fuel for Warmth - Emergency Fuel Program

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